CHAPTER 65

(Senate Bill 282)

AN ACT concerning

Domestic Violence

FOR the purpose of altering the length of time that an ex parte order or protective order issued in a domestic violence case may be effective; altering the contents of a petition filed in a domestic violence case; providing that certain information may be omitted from certain documents filed in domestic violence cases; clarifying a certain finding that shall be made before a court may issue an ex parte order or protective order; altering the types of relief that may be granted in an ex parte order and protective order; providing for the modification of certain orders; altering certain provisions relating to the enforcement of an ex parte order or protective order; altering certain penalties prohibiting a person from violating certain provisions of certain orders; establishing certain penalties for certain violations; providing for certain petitions for modifications and appeals; providing that certain orders or decisions or compliance with certain orders may not be admissible or considered in certain divorce proceedings; defining certain terms; altering certain definitions; authorizing certain parties to a protective order proceeding to be represented by lay advocates who meet certain requirements; and generally relating to domestic violence cases.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article – Family Law Section 4-501 and 4-504 through 4-506 Annotated Code of Maryland (1991 Replacement Volume)

BY repealing

Article - Family Law Section 4-507 through 4-510 Annotated Code of Maryland (1991 Replacement Volume)

BY adding to

Article - Family Law Section 4-507 through 4-512 4-510 and 7-103.1 Annotated Code of Maryland (1991 Replacement Volume)

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,

Article Business Occupations and Professions Section 10 206(a)

Annotated Code of Maryland